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From: The Child Placement Review Board
Neal Tash, Chair
Kecia S. Blackson, Executive Director

RE: Retraction and Statement of Clarification regarding the FY 16 Annual Report of the Child Placement Review Board.

The FY 16 Annual Report, *see* generally page nine "CPRB and CAPTA," erroneously referenced the CPRB as the only child welfare citizen panel in Delaware. The word "volunteer" was unintentionally omitted; it should have read, "volunteer citizen panel." Moreover, the Board recognizes that pursuant to 16 *Del. C.* § 931(b), the Child Protection Accountability Commission (CPAC) is the Citizen Panel designated by the State to meet the requirements of the Child Abuse Treatment and Prevention Act (CAPTA).

Although the CPRB is an independent monitoring agency comprised of volunteer citizen-based review panels, it has not been designated as the citizen panel for CAPTA purposes. Consequently, the discussion with regard to the CPRB and the CAPTA is out of context. The CPRB's mandate is authorized pursuant to the Child Placement Review Act which can be found in Title 16, Chapter 38 of the *Delaware Code*.

The Board regrets any confusion that may have been caused.

Respectfully,

The Child Placement Review Board